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World Troubled Yule Spirit A Bit Weak

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Christians today prepared to celebrate Christmas as best they can despite shortages of gasoline, heating oil and electricity, an uncertain economic outlook and the threat of terrorist attacks in some areas.

In Bethlehem, the little town where Christmas began with the birth of Jesus some 2,000 years ago, merchants prepared for the annual influx of pilgrims for midnight mass in the Church of the Nativity.

But the general prediction was for fewer than last year's poor turnout of 5,000 because of

the October war and the Palestinian terrorist attack in Rome and Athens last week.

"This is the worst Christmas in years," said one busy souvenir shop owner. "We sometimes get more tourists in midsummer."

From Tokyo to Paris and

Berlin shoppers scurried to complete their last minute shopping with stores generally reporting increased sales despite the past year's inflation. Some store managers in Europe and the United States noted, however, that expensive items were not selling as well as

usual. For Americans and most Europeans it was a dimmer holiday because of the oil shortage. The Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center in New York had fewer lights this year and the giant tree in front of the city hall in Copenhagen had no lights.

The U.S. Army in West Germany banned outdoor lighting at GI homes. And a Chamber of Commerce official in Evergreen Park, Ill., exclaimed, "We've got only one house lit up this year, one out of 8,000 homes... I miss those lights and trees outside."

The fuel shortage also kept a lot of Americans home this year as most gas stations were closed Sunday and planned to shut Christmas Day.

In Europe, several governments suspended the Sunday driving ban. Motorists in Italy, France and West Germany took to the highways in record numbers and Alpine ski resorts reported heavy bookings. Many persons in West Berlin prepared presents for relatives they will visit for the second Christmas in a row in East Berlin.

Security was tight in Britain and Northern Ireland as the Irish Republican Army kept up a Yuletide bombing attack. Three bombs exploded in London Sunday night. Police patrols were doubled in London and Dublin, and all suspicious cars and parcels were searched for explosives.

But in Northern Ireland hundreds of Roman Catholic and Protestant parents came

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Sketches May Help BH Probe

More than 20 men have been checked out in the shooting of Det. Thomas Schadler without an arrest, Benton Harbor Det. Sgt. Alfred Edwards said today.

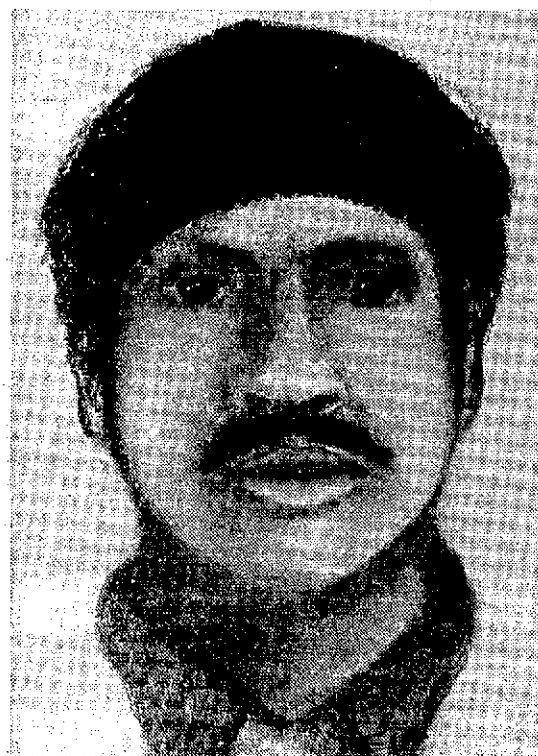
Police are showing artist sketches that are intended to resemble the gunman who shot Schadler six times last Thursday. The sketches were drawn by a state police artist on information supplied by witnesses.

Det. Schadler was discharged from Mercy hospital Saturday evening and was reported in good spirits. He arrived home to find that Santa Claus already had visited his four children who range in age from 12 to preschool. Santa was played by St. Joseph Patrolman Dave Agay.

A \$500 reward has been posted by an anonymous donor for information leading to arrest and conviction of Schadler's assailant. Edwards said additional contributions can be made at any office of Inter-City bank, payable to the Benton Harbor Police Reward Fund.

Schadler was shot while Christmas shopping with his wife in the Harbor Wigs and Record shop, 129 East Main street, at Benton Harbor's "Four Corners."

Schadler who was in plain clothes said he did not recognize the gunman and a definite motive for the shooting has not been established. The gunman escaped by running east on Main street.



SHOOTING SUSPECT: State police artist's sketches were drawn on descriptions supplied by witnesses in the shooting of Benton Harbor Det. Thomas Schadler. Schadler was shot by a lone gunman, but

descriptions vary with main variance lack of moustache in one sketch. Gunman originally was described as about 5 feet 6 inches tall, medium build and in his 30s.

Europe, Japan Hard-Hit Oil Prices Boosted Again

LONDON (AP) — The economies of Western Europe and Japan are in for more hard blows as a result of another big increase in the price of oil by the Persian Gulf governments.

And government sources in Caracas said Venezuela, which supplies more than 10 per cent of the oil processed in the United States, will raise the tax reference price on its crude Jan. 1.

The six Persian Gulf producers — Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Abu Dhabi and Qatar — announced Sunday after a two-day meeting in Tehran that effective Jan. 1 they would increase the taxes and royalties they collect on the oil produced from their fields from \$3.06 a barrel to \$7, an increase of 128 per cent.

They did this by increasing the "posted" price of crude oil from \$5.11 a barrel to \$11.65. The posted price is an artificial price set by the producing companies as the basis for calculation of the taxes and royalties paid them by the Western companies that produce or market their oil. The price of \$5.11 was set in October.

The posted price last January was only \$2.59 a barrel. Venezuelan sources did not disclose what increase could be expected in the tax reference price, which is used for calculating taxes paid by foreign oil companies.

The newspaper El Nacional predicted, however, that it would go from the current average of \$7.74 a barrel to \$10 a barrel. It was \$3.11 a barrel last January. Most other foreign suppliers to the United States are expected to do likewise.

Dr. Walter W. Heller, the top economic adviser to the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, said the increase would not have a major impact in the United States because normally the United States gets only about a tenth of its total energy requirements from the Middle East and even that has been cut back by the Arab oil embargo in the wake of the October Arab-Israeli war.

"The oil price in the United States is determined by the price of

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BETHLEHEM TODAY: Bell of Church of Nativity that will ring in Christmas in Bethlehem is shown in foreground while Manger Square lies in background. The floodlit Omar Mosque, star and Christmas tree show direction along which Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem some 2,000 years ago. (AP Wirephoto)

Stolen Rembrandts, \$100,000 Recovered

CINCINNATI, Ohio (AP) — Police are holding four persons following the recovery of two stolen Rembrandts and "nearly all" of the \$100,000 ransom paid for one of the paintings.

Lt. Col. John McLaughlin, chief of detectives indicated charges would be filed today against some of those questioned in the case.

McLaughlin declined to give details of the arrests of the four at Foster, Ohio, about 20 miles northeast of here, or recovery of the money.

The two paintings by the 17th century Dutch master were stolen about 2 a.m. EST Tuesday from the Taft Museum here by two men who tied up a

watchman. Museum officials valued each painting at \$1 million and one of them suffered minor damage.

On Thursday, James L. Hough, a 36-year-old Cincinnati industrial real estate broker and bar owner, presented himself to police and museum officials as an intermediary.

Hough said he began investigating the theft "when someone said they heard that someone else had the paintings."

He said he put out some feelers and the people involved "contacted me and arranged for me to pick up the first painting — Portrait of an Elderly Lady — in a barn. They wanted to show good faith."

He said he found the portrait in a barn in suburban Springdale.

Hough told police the thieves wanted \$200,000 ransom for the second painting, Man Leaning on a Sill, by 2 p.m. Saturday or it would be burned.

Then followed hours of telephone negotiations through Hough before \$100,000 — in \$10 and \$20 bills — was placed in an icebox outside a Foster tavern Saturday night.

Hough said the thieves telephoned him early Sunday morning and told him that the painting was under a summer cottage in Foster.

Police recovered the painting

at 2 a.m., and the arrests were made in the next two hours.

During an interview Sunday, Hough laughed and said: "I'm fairly certain police aren't going to arrest me now. There was a lot of suspicion about me all

during this thing — it was hairy. But what kind of an ass would I be if I was guilty and walked into this thing?"

He said he accepted a \$15,000

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DAPPER MEDIATOR: Wearing a white Hamburg hat, James L. Hough, 36, who acted as mediator for return of two Rembrandt paintings, appeared at Cincinnati police headquarters following the arrest of 10 persons. He said it was a "shame" the thieves didn't get a chance to spend some of the \$100,000 ransom. (AP Wirephoto)

Notice

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Editorial Page

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Ringin' Back Again, New And Fresh, Real As Ever

That small, faint voice you may have heard above the racket of the cash registers during the Christmas shopping rush was that of an infant hoping to be noticed amid the hurrying crowds.

Most people, if they listened, recognized the voice as that of the Christ child, the Savior. His birth, His mission on earth, is what Christmas is all about.

For many others — of different religious persuasion, or lesser persuasion, or no persuasion — the voice may have had a different source.

But it was and is present nonetheless, and the message it speaks is the same for all men.

It is a message that echoes across the ages each year at this season — a message of hope, of belief in the essential worth of mankind, a rebounding faith that despite all the sorrow men visit upon themselves they are learning little by little how to live in peace with one another.

It is a message that has been relayed from one disillusioned, frustrated, yet hopeful, generation to another, and will go on being relayed until the allotted time for man on this planet runs out.

Man today has quite a bit to say about how long or short that time will be. For in this century he has discovered the power that can either reduce civilization to savagery, if not wipe it out altogether, or elevate it to heights undreamed of.

Yet it is not that power that needs controlling. It is man himself, just as it has always been.

That is why the Christmas message is as live and pertinent and hope-refreshing today as it was when it was first heard 2,000 years ago.

There CAN be peace on earth, if men will but have good will. There ARE tidings of great joy, if men will but unclench their ears of the noise and confusion they surround themselves with.

We will listen, for a time. For a brief moment, we will believe.

Then we will forget. We will carefully store away the precious, perishable joy of the holiday and again put on the tired old cynicism and selfishness of the everyday world.

We will forget Christmas — until another year, when its undying message comes ringin' back again, as new and fresh and real as ever.

Carrying The Christmas Spirit Too Far

A partisan scrap is likely to resume when the Michigan legislature reconvenes next month over the question of what to do about Charles N. Youngblood, a Detroit Democrat in the State Senate.

In mid-October a Wayne circuit court jury convicted Youngblood of conspiring to bribe the Liquor Control Commission's chairman.

Six weeks later the presiding judge sentenced him to 60 days in jail, fined him \$3,000 and ordered him to repay the state treasury some \$2,000 received as official salary between the dates of his conviction and sentencing.

The case is under appeal and it could be months, possibly a year, before Youngblood will know if he has to obey the sentence or will get a second chance on a retrial of the charge.

Last week the Senate's Republican members failed to unseat Youngblood because they could not muster a two-thirds majority or 26 votes.

The Michigan constitution says no person convicted of a felony within the previous 20 years may serve in the legislature.

The clause, for lack of judicial ruling on the point, is open to argument. It could apply to Youngblood or it could be inoperative if taken to mean it refers only to newly elected legislators yet to assume their seats officially.

Thomas E. Woods III, the Senate's legal consultant, follows the latter interpretation.

If he is correct, then only a vote by the Senate could send Youngblood back home.

The expulsion balloting came up in last week's rush to shrug off the cares of government for the holiday joys and was sandwiched in between

Governor Milliken's bills to create a super health agency, an energy conservation plan and clean campaign procedure.

None of Milliken's suggestions found favor with the Senate Democrats, many of whom, per our own Charlie Zollar, were full of the cup that cheers in the session's closing days.

The Governor lost out as badly as the G.O.P. move to purify its opposition membership.

Morley Winograd, the Democratic state chairman, praised the action as "a very noble gesture to stand up for the rights of the defendant and to make sure he has a chance to have his appellate procedure exhausted."

Sander Levin, a former chairman weighing the odds of running against Milliken next year, was quick to comment the Democrats can hardly demand Nixon's scalp for Watergate if they harbor a viper in their nest.

Later on Jerome Hart, the Democratic floor leader in the Senate, promised he would bring up some plan to isolate Youngblood if his party's caucus fails to act more decisively than it has up to this time.

The hypocrisy mouthed by Winograd needs no belaboring here because it is so self apparent.

It's in the vein of Mayor Delay asking who's stealing votes in Chicago.

There is a 50-50 partisan split in the Senate and separating Youngblood from the payroll would give the G.O.P. a one-vote margin, not enough to bull through those hedge rows which require a two-thirds majority but sufficient to provide smoother sailing for Milliken's proposals.

That's the nobility in Winograd's thinking.

Safeguarding Art

Now that Michelangelo's Pieta has been restored and is back in public view in St. Peter's Basilica, protected

by bulletproof glass, it is appropriate to consider security measures for other world treasures.

Museums and other public buildings in many cities are filled with art objects as priceless in their own way as the Pieta, and equally as unguarded as the sculpture was when a madman damaged it with a hammer.

Vandals and deranged individuals are not the only threats to the great masterpieces. Works of art which have been stolen and remain unrecovered range the gamut of most of the famous artists. That professional theft rings exist specializing in art booty is an accepted fact.

The reality of the situation suggests augmented security precautions are needed. As was demonstrated so graphically in the Pieta case, one deliberate act can mar or destroy a work of beauty admired by generations. Or, worse, perhaps remove it from public view to be admired in secret by a connoisseur with more money than principle

Hope In A Troubled World!



GLANCING BACKWARDS

YULE DISPLAY ATTRACTS ATTENTION

— 1 Year Ago —
What started out 25 years ago as a simple display of outdoor Christmas decorations has now become a Christmas present to the community of Buchanan. As result, the Harold Holmes residence, corner Third and Chippewa streets, Buchanan, is one of the most popular spots in town this time of year.

An almost constant stream of cars converge on the intersection in early evening hours, so their local and out-of-town occupants may marvel at the Christmas display. For the kiddies, there is Santa, his reindeer and sleigh full of gaily wrapped packages. For those of all ages, there is the traditional scene, with the Christ child lying in a manger. For everyone, there are the brightly decorated Christmas trees, the star shining brightly from atop the television antenna tower, and the candles on the steps.

HERE'S LAST REPORT ON GOOD FELLOWS

— 10 Years Ago —
The Good Fellow store is

closing shop for another season this morning. There may well be a few last minute calls for help, which will be answered; but otherwise, this is the final report to all you good people.

Mrs. Betty Karsten, our bookkeeper, was swamped with appeals this year and has writer's cramp preparing 353 checks that go to brightening Christmas for 644 people. The grand total was \$4,117.96, which will go to men and women in convalescent homes, fatherless families, the disabled and others. On behalf of those people, we close by saying your generosity is its own reward.

GLOOMY CHRISTMAS ON WEST FRONT

— 29 Years Ago —
A heavy snowfall along the western front has guaranteed a white Christmas for America's fighting men, but in that respect alone will it be like the traditional Yuletide. A great proportion of the doughboys will be fighting for their lives. Some have the prospect of spending Christmas surrounded by Germans, others of wounding guns in counterat-

tacks designed to drive the enemy back into Germany.

As on Thanksgiving, turkey has been taken to the front for every U.S. soldier. But not all will get it on Christmas Day. Most of those in the actual line will eat the usual canned rations. Their turkey will be saved and they will have Christmas dinner when they come out of battle — if they come out.

HOME FROM NAZARETH

— 39 Years Ago —
Miss Virginia McMullen is home from Nazareth academy for the holidays. She is head of the speech department in the Kalamazoo school.

HOME FOR XMAS

— 49 Years Ago —
Franklin and Victor Gowdy and Nelson Foylkes, who attend the University of Chicago, are arriving home for the holidays.

SUPERVISOR RESIGNS

— 59 Years Ago —
Charles W. Matthews has resigned as supervisor of Bertrand township. Albert Houseworth, member of the county Democratic committee, will fill the vacancy. Mr. Matthews was elected last November as a member of the state house of representatives.

LAYS DOWN HIS STAMP

— 83 Years Ago —
The candidates for the St. Joseph postoffice are all hopeful and each one seems to have a strong following. The matter will probably be decided early in the session of congress. It is understood that Captain Brooks is the man upon whom Postmaster Canavan's mantle may fall when that worthy gentleman lays down the cancelling stamp and relinquishes the key to the front door.

THE FAMILY LAWYER

Grandparents

Do grandparents have a legal right to the companionship of their grandchildren? Consider the tale of woe brought into court by an elderly couple.

"Since our daughter died, relations with our son-in-law have gone from bad to worse. Lately he won't let their little boy come to visit us, or even let us go to visit him. Surely we have a right to see our own grandchild."

But the court refused to come to their aid. The court said that since the father had legal custody, he alone could decide whom the child should see.

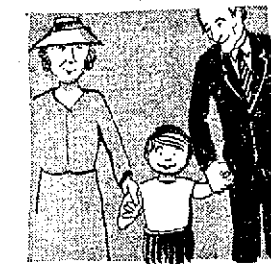
This is the usual rule — that grandparents have no independent right, against parental wishes, to spend time with their grandchildren. However, courts have held the other way if the child's own welfare is clearly at stake.

For example: Custody of two little girls in a divorce case was awarded to their mother. At the time, she did not object to giving visitation privileges to the father's parents, since the children had a long and loving relationship with them.

Later, she changed her mind and tried to end these visits with the grandparents. But this time, a court ruled — for the sake of the children — that the contact should not be broken off.

"To have suddenly severed this close bond of love and affection," said the court, "might well have caused emotional disturbance."

Furthermore, there is always the possibility that grandparents can take over full-time custody by proving that the



parent is no longer a fit person to be in charge.

Thus, in another case, the grandparents of a three-year-old boy were able to show that his mother was guilty of frequent intoxication and immorality.

The court switched custody to them outright. The boy would be better off not merely to visit, said the court, but to move right in.

A public service feature of the American Bar Association and the State Bar of Michigan. Written by Will Bernard.

Boy Charged With Murders

ROCKWELL, N.C. (AP) — A 13-year-old boy has been charged with two counts of murder in the shooting deaths of his parents.

The Rowan County Sheriff's Department identified the victims as Douglas Eldon Lofton, 48, a truck driver, and his wife, Betty Carr Lofton, 30.

Their bodies were found Sunday in the family's mobile home on U.S. 52, about nine miles south of Salisbury.

Ray Cromley

Suffering Now?

Wait Till 1990



WASHINGTON (NEA) — If you think you have fuel problems now, wait until 1990. If there are no breakthroughs in energy production, and if we do not radically change our ways, the chart lines indicate we will need to import 4.5 billion barrels of oil a year by then.

Even if the United States were able to buy that amount of petroleum abroad, the cost in foreign exchange would push the dollar down to suicidal depths and drive this nation into bankruptcy.

The best guessing is that imported oil in 1990 will be around \$10 a barrel. That would mean \$45 billion dollars a year for imported petroleum alone.

It has been written time and again that this nation must shift to smaller cars. What has not been publicized is that this would save us a billion barrels of petroleum products annually in the 1980s, assuming the present rate of increase in automobiles and driving. At \$10 a barrel this would add up to \$10 billion in potential savings every year.

That's only a starter. Electric trains are, as is well known, more economical than automobiles and trucks. But again, what hasn't been made clear is how enormous these cost differences are.

The amount of energy required per ton mile of freight on airplanes is 37,000 BTUs, by truck 2,300, by electric railway a mere 320.

The BTU required per passenger mile by airplane is almost 10,000, by car more than 4,000, by bus 1,000 and by electric railway 900.

If half the local city and suburban passenger traffic were shifted to electric railways, the yearly savings in energy in 1990 would be 400 millions of oil or \$4 billion dollars at \$10 a barrel oil.

If half the inter-city passenger traffic were by electric railway, the annual energy savings would be 550 million barrels of petroleum equivalent, or \$5.5 billion dollars at \$10 a barrel oil, in 1990.

Great amounts of energy could be conserved by just one step — shifted to electric rail lines (with trucks carried piggy back) the annual energy savings in 1990 would be almost 200 million barrels of oil equivalent, or \$2 billion at \$10 a barrel oil.

The electric locomotive is much more efficient, it is clear, than the diesel electric and requires less than half the energy to move goods or people. The technology of railway electrification is proven. Installation of the required facilities has been put off because the railway industry, faced with a declining share of the transportation market, has for quite logical reasons not seen its way clear to make the investment required.

Now all these savings are not additive. That is, a saving in one area would mean lesser savings in certain other areas. But taking this overlap into account, these and other savings in the transportation field would, it is calculated, net almost 2 billion barrels of petroleum equivalent a year in 1990. At \$10 a barrel, that's \$20 billion dollars a year we would not have to spend overseas.

Marianne Means

Nixon Believes

Time On His Side



WASHINGTON — President Nixon believes firmly that if he just hangs in there, the passage of time will automatically weary his opposition and kill the idea of impeachment.

That is why he insists he will not resign, although his moral authority is so eroded he faces the prospect of three years of government chaos and crisis.

The President's optimistic attitude depends in large measure on the tendency of most voters to be easily distracted and to possess a very short political memory. It also depends on no more outrageous Watergate revelations occurring and on the energy problem and other diversions reinforcing rather than weakening his Presidency.

Public sentiment for impeachment or resignation appears to have frozen, for the moment, at slightly more than one-third of the population. That is a fantastically high number of persons who want to get rid of their President, considering the historical trauma involved.

But it is not quite enough to pressure Congress into doing what no Congress has ever

done before.

A Gallup Poll last week reported that 35 per cent of the country now wants Nixon to leave office, as opposed to 54 per cent who wish him to stay. Those wanting him to leave dropped 2 per cent since a similar poll one month ago, but the figure for those supporting him remained the same. (A 2 per cent differential is considered within a professional pollster's margin of error.)

Public sentiment regarding Nixon's future hardened even though the intervening month featured several dramatic events both helpful and harmful to him. During that period the President mounted a campaign to assure the public he meant to provide full disclosure, and Vice Presidential nominee Gerald Ford whizzed through Congress with great praise. But Rose Mary Woods spun a fantasy about 18 minutes missing from a subpoenaed tape, former White House aide Dwight Chapin was indicted, and the former head of the plumbers unit, Earl Krogh, pleaded guilty to violating the civil rights of Daniel Ellsberg.

That could mean Nixon is right, if the public is weary of the whole business and resigned to living with corruption in high places. Between June and November, the percentage of people who favored his removal increased 19 points. But now it has at least temporarily bottomed out.

The next public opinion poll could be crucial. It will include reaction to the President's income tax disclosure, which revealed that his patriotism seems to stop at his own bank balance. Many politicians believe that voters will be more angry at the fact Nixon didn't pay his fair share than at the abuses of power revealed in the Watergate crimes. Taxes are a subject with which everyone can identify.

Thailand Asks For Ceasefire

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Thailand said today it will propose a one-month cease-fire to allow Communist insurgents to surrender to the government.

The Defense Ministry also proposed the dissolution of the Communist Suppression Operations Command.



"I was just about to say something funny, when Jim Berry pinned a note to this cartoon!"

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State Chairman's Remark Has Democrats Cringing



MORELEY WINOGRAD
State Democratic Chairman

*'He Has Effectively Advanced
Our Cause,' Says Milliken*

By PATRICK CONNOLLY
Associated Press Writer
LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Gov. William Milliken, the state's top Republican, says jokingly he "appreciates" state Democratic Chairman Moreley Winograd.

"Mr. Winograd? ... I think he has very effectively advanced our causes," Milliken said.

A reluctant public speaker, Winograd came out fighting for Senate Democrats last week and ended up putting his foot in their mouths.

The timing was bad and the

results, according to Democrats themselves, were awful.

Senate Democrats were just healing from a public relations beating by Republicans for stalling bills in the energy crisis and political campaign financing when Winograd stirred the cauldron again.

It was "a very noble gesture," he said, for Senate Democrats to vote against ousting Sen. Charles Youngblood, a convicted felon.

Like a poet, Winograd had reduced the Democrats' anguish, rationalization and legal

jargon over "eligibility to serve" and "conviction" to four simple, memorable words: "A very noble gesture."

Five days had gone by for the dust to settle, and Winograd was kicking it up again.

Sander Levin, a top contender for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, who needs all the Democratic friends he can get to survive a primary, was the first to renounce the chairman's statement.

Levin said Youngblood should have been expelled, that it wasn't a party matter but a problem of declining public trust in government.

A prominent Detroit-area Democrat telephoned newsmen shortly after Winograd's news conference last Wednesday to ask, "Did he really say that?...He did?...Oh, no."

Even Jerome Hart of Saginaw, the new Senate Democratic floor leader who shared the news conference platform with Winograd, cringed at what he heard.

Hart said he thought he could get manage to turn fellow Democrats around in sufficient numbers for a vote to at least suspend or censure Youngblood, and perhaps enough for expulsion.

Democrats admit they also took a public relations drubbing by not acting on two bills, one to give special powers to the governor and state Public Service Commission during the winter fuel crisis and the other to require disclosure of political campaign contributions.

Only two Senate Democrats voted for the emergency powers compromise after it was passed 82-5 by the Democratic-controlled House.

Senate Democratic Whip Daniel Cooper of Oak Park said he will introduce a new bill early next month to limit the powers of the PSC, which he calls a "czarist kind of troika."

Cooper's bill would reduce the PSC to a data-collecting agency.

But in a Senate where Democrats complain their bills aren't coming out of Republican-controlled committees, and considering the routine snail's pace of most legislation, Cooper would be lucky to see his measure again before June.

The campaign disclosure bill is unlikely to go to the House without another fight by Senate Democrats, whose two dozen amendments the last day of the 1973 session fell on deaf Republican ears.

The Democrats want ceilings on campaign contributions and expenditures and would prefer to eliminate the reporting of "in kind" contributions, such as volunteer manpower in abundant supply to Democrats from labor unions.

Democrats also want Sen. Milton Zaagman's Municipalities and Elections Committee to dislodge a bill that would allow persons to register to vote when they get driver's licenses.

Zaagman, R-Grand Rapids, was unwilling to move on that bill this year.

Welfare Caseworker Accused In \$30,000 Fraud Scheme

DETROIT (AP) — Closer supervision has been promised by the director of the state Department of Social Services in the wake of a caseworker's arrest for fraud.

Larry M. Robinson, 22, was arraigned Friday on charges of mail theft, fraud by mail and use of a false name to commit mail fraud. Officials said he had 107 checks worth more than \$30,000 in his possession when he was arrested.

A preliminary examination was set for Jan. 10.

Robinson allegedly used his state-issued computer code card to open nearly 200 phony cases two weeks ago.

When the checks were mailed from Lansing an unidentified postal employee allegedly intercepted them and passed them on to

Robinson.

At \$250 a check, the average benefit payment for an ADC mother with three or more children, Robinson's scheme could have netted about \$50,000 a month.

If convicted, Robinson faces up to five years in prison and a \$2,000 fine for each charge.

Current procedure permits a caseworker to open a case by merely having access to a state computer and making a telephone call.

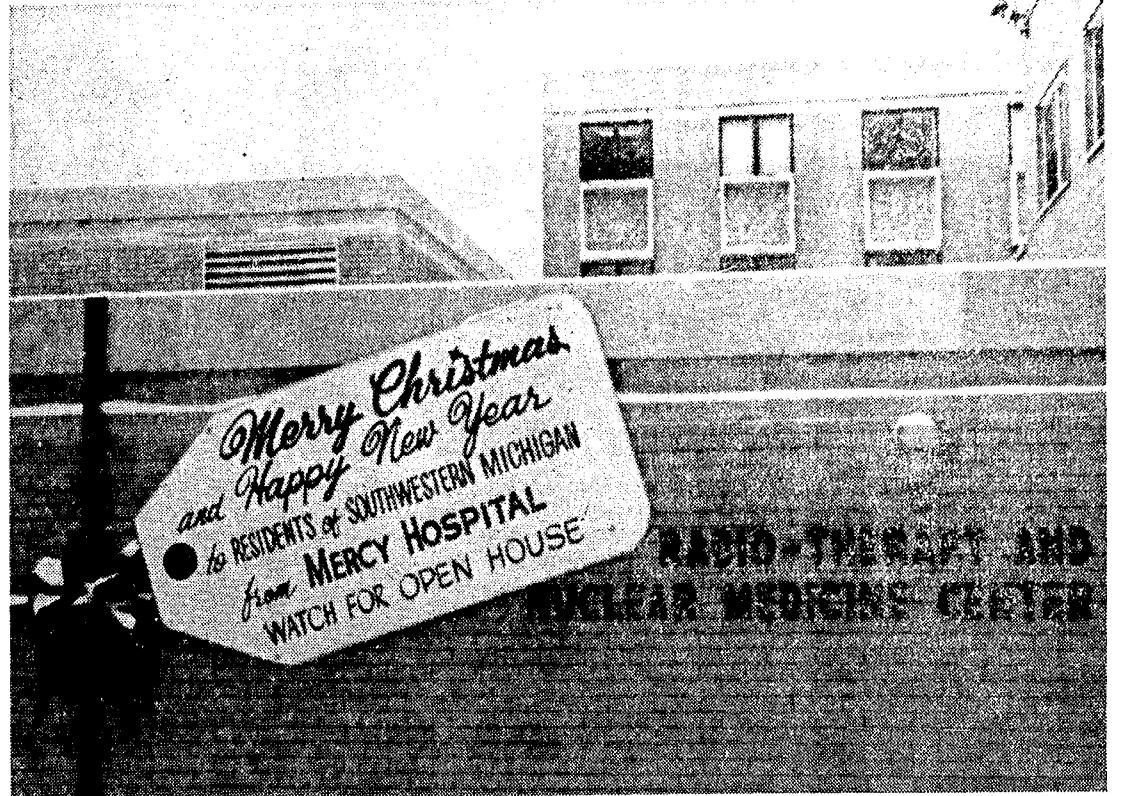
Houston said the computer cards, which have figured in other cases of welfare fraud by state employees, will be phased out. Caseworkers soon will have to go through district supervisors to open cases, Houston said.



PAPER GOLD: These three men are among Gobles area residents participating in a continuing paper collection drive to raise funds for area emergency ambulance service. The three, from left, are Marshall Healy, his brother Leslie in truck, and Rev. Paul Arnstrom of Gobles Bethany Presbyterian church. Ambulance service will need funds for operation after expiration of extra voted county tax millage this year. Healy brothers said paper was bringing \$10 per ton in past several years now can be sold for \$25 to \$35 per ton because of paper shortage. Gobles area residents have been asked to save paper for collection drive dates to be announced later. (Margaret Norman photo)

On Dean's List

Ann Barrie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barrie, 1139 Fairlawn road, St. Joseph, has been named to the dean's list at John Wesley college, Owosso. She compiled a 3.90 average out of a possible 4.50 during the first semester.



THE SPIRIT REMAINS: Without lights, this display makes Benton Harbor Mercy hospital's new radio-therapy building look like an inviting Christmas gift. Mercy has begun energy conservation program, reported C.T. Loftus, the hospital's executive vice president. Program is headed by M.J. Kastner, director of technical services. Electricity and fuel will be conserved whenever possible.

ble, and thermostats in patient rooms are at 70 degrees, rather than the customary 74 degrees. Adequate blankets are available. Christmas lights are limited to one tree outside children's (pediatrics) unit, and these are on from 6 to 8 p.m. Radio-therapy building construction is on schedule and an open house will be set early next year.

BH Seeking \$65,000 Grant For Crime Prevention Unit

The Benton Harbor city commission is scheduled to act Wednesday on an application for money to establish a crime prevention unit in the police department.

The grant of about \$65,000 would come through the Michigan Office of Criminal Justice. The program would set up an inter-departmental analysis aimed at improved suppression of crime; departmental training in crime prevention; and informing the public on personal and property security techniques.

The crime prevention unit would consist of one full-time officer, a part-time community services person and a clerk.

To qualify for the grant, Benton Harbor would be required to provide a \$17,000 "in-kind" match of services and facilities.

If the commission approves the grant, it will go to Lansing for authorization.

The commission will hold its regular meeting Wednesday instead of tonight because of Christmas eve.

New Buffalo Police Chief Target Of Petition Drive

BY LYLE SUMERIX
South Berrien Bureau

NEW BUFFALO — New Buffalo Police Chief Dale Siebenmark is the target of a petition drive aimed at getting him fired and his department restructured.

The drive is being conducted by an informal group of New Buffalo residents, who claim they do not want their names made public for "fear of harassment" by local police. City officials acknowledge that the petitions are being circulated, but declined to comment on the reasons.

Meanwhile, other citizens, led by Don Wehner, are launching a counter drive in support of Siebenmark and his police department.

Both sides are claiming widespread support.

A spokesman for citizens calling for Siebenmark's firing and restructuring of police department, said two primary reasons for the action are to put a stop to alleged harassment of citizens by police, and to bring about a better trained and qualified department.

She charged that the city currently has four fulltime policemen, including Siebenmark, plus 26 reserves and a cadet corps.

The spokesman claims further that the reserves are untrained and that they use their own cars to patrol city and harass people when they are not on duty. She said the petitions are to be presented to the city council as soon as possible.

Siebenmark, a veteran of 18 years, said he has 16 reserves and six to eight graduated cadets.

He said he would not comment on the petition drive.

Contacted by telephone, Mayor William Marx said he

really didn't know what the citizens complaints are at this time.

"I have no way of knowing whether their complaints are justified until something is presented to the city council," he said.

The removal drive came in the wake of police department complaints against the city's mechanic for allegedly failing to properly maintain police department vehicles. The police complaints were filed with the city council in the past month.

Berrien Hospital Staff Picks Chief

BERRIEN CENTER — Dr. Robert W. Wesche has been elected chief of staff by the Berrien General hospital medical staff.

He succeeds Dr. W.J. Cooke, who retains the position of medical director for the hospital.

Dr. Wesche is a 1956 graduate of Seattle Pacific college in Seattle, Wash., and received his medical degree in 1959 from the University of Oregon. After a year's internship at

Philadelphia General hospital, he spent five years residency in general surgery at Philadelphia's Hahnemann Medical college.

The new chief of staff is a diplomat of the American Board of Surgery and is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

In addition to his duties as a surgeon at Berrien General since 1969, Dr. Wesche serves as director of the hospital's tuberculosis treatment program and



DR. ROBERT W. WESCHE
of the poison control center.
Dr. Wesche and his wife, Dora, and their daughter presently reside in South Bend.



DALE SIEBENMARK
Target of petition

Change Pickup Date

Rubbish in Stevensville will be picked up on Wednesdays this week and next week instead of Tuesdays, Village Clerk Mrs. Bernice Schoenfelder said today.

"The rubbish should be at the curbs no later than 8 a.m. each day, she said.

The change in pickup days is due to the holidays, she said.

Berrien Christmas Seals Donations Reach \$25,983

Contributions to Christmas Seals, featuring the "Twelve Days of Christmas," totaled \$25,983 in Berrien county through mid-December, which is approximately 50 per cent of the 1972 total.

Walter A. Meier, MD, president of the Michigan Lung Association, formerly the Michigan Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association, said the traditional Christmas Seal campaign statewide has reached \$561,800, which is 61 per cent of its goal of \$917,000.

"We are pleased at the response of Michigan citizens to the traditional Christmas Seal campaign," Dr. Meier said, "but it is important to stress that contributions

should be sent in now."

Many people give large donations to Christmas Seals because such donations are tax-deductible and the money is used for important health programs which benefit all ages. The traditional Christmas Seals feature the red double-barred cross. They are the same traditional Christmas Seals which for more than 65 years have helped tuberculosis victims and those afflicted with respiratory diseases to grow stronger and live longer.

"We are asking Berrien county citizens to give, and to give generously now, so that we might reach our goal and provide important health programs as well as support needed research," Dr. Meier said.

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Because of the newsprint shortage, this newspaper's annual New Year's edition won't be as big as usual. Still, in highlight form, it will tell the story of Southwestern Michigan during 1973. All major developments will be covered concerning the people and places that made news throughout Berrien, Van Buren, Cass and Allegan counties. The edition will be published Dec. 31.

Holiday Tourneys Real Treat For Area Cage Fans

Area high school basketball fans will get an added Christmas treat this week with a host of holiday tournaments.

Sixteen area teams will be competing in five tournaments, the busiest holiday schedule ever for Southwestern Michigan squads.

The largest basketball offering will be at Bridgman, where eight teams will be competing in the Bees' second invitational tourney.

All the other tournaments will be four-team affairs with playing sites at St. Joseph, Lakeshore, Lawton and

Centreville.

Bridgman's is a three-day tournament and will lead off the week's activities with four games slated for Wednesday.

The host Bees will meet Saugatuck in the opener at 3 p.m. and will be followed by Edwardsburg against Watervliet at 4:30, New Buffalo against Paw Paw at 7 p.m. and Galien against Battle Creek St. Philip at 8:30.

Semifinals will be played Thursday with the finals slated for Saturday. The championship tilt will begin at 8:30.

It could be a wide-open fight

for the championship with Bridgman, Saugatuck and St. Philip ranked as the favorites. Watervliet and Paw Paw, the only Class B school in the tourney, rate as outside chances.

Saugatuck is currently 4-1, with its only loss coming to powerful Covert. The Indians were 16-2 last season and have outstanding players in forward Dave Bekkan and center Larry Troutman. The squad lost in last season's district tournament to eventual Class D state champion Covenant Christian.

St. Philip is 4-0 this season

after compiling a 21-5 mark last year and advancing to the Class C state semifinals. The only returning starter is 6-3 George Starring who averages 17.5 points a game.

Bridgman is the tournament's defending champion and is tied for the lead in the Red Arrow conference.

Lakeshore and Niles will be heavy favorites to meet in the finals of the Lancers' tournament.

Lakeshore will open play at 7 p.m. Thursday against Sturgis, while Niles will go against Brandywine at 8:30. Finals will

be Friday with the consolation game at 7:00 and the championship at 8:30.

A jayvee tournament will also be played in the afternoon with Lakeshore against Niles at 3:00 and Brandywine against Sturgis at 4:30.

Admission will be 50 cents for the jayvee games and \$1.25 for the varsity. Advance students tickets are \$1.

The highlight game for the Twin Cities will be the Benton Harbor-St. Joseph meeting at 8:30 p.m. Thursday in the St. Joe tourney. Grand Rapids West Ottawa and Ypsilanti will clash

in the 7 p.m. contest.

The winning teams will meet for the championship at 8:30 Friday, with the consolation contest at 7:00.

Lawton's first holiday tournament could be a wide-open affair.

Lawrence takes on Mattawan in the 7 p.m. opener Wednesday and will be followed by the Blue Devils against Gobles at 8:30. Finals will be played Friday.

Lawrence fields an all-junior team this year, but has worked its way into the thick of the Southwestern Athletic

Conference race while Mattawan has won only one game this year. But that victory was over Marcellus the SAC leader.

Lawton has had problems getting untracked after being one of the league's preseason favorites.

Eau Claire will take on tourney favorite White Pigeon in its opening round at Centreville at 8:30 Thursday. In the 7:00 game, Athens will meet the host team.

Championship finals will be at 8:30 Saturday, with the consolation contest at 7:00.

Cowboys Lasso Rams With 'Dizzy' TD Pass

DALLAS (AP) — Don't try to calculate the odds of a game-winning 83-yard touchdown pass from a dizzy quarterback who has changed his coach's play to a rookie free agent who suggested it in the first place.

"I aged a little out there but I'll take it," said Dallas Coach Tom Landry of Sunday's 27-16 National Conference playoff victory over Los Angeles that sets up a showdown for the NFC title with Minnesota at Texas Stadium Dec. 30.

The key play came at 9:37 in the fourth quarter with Dallas

clinging to a precarious 17-16 lead. It was third and 14 and Landry called a turn-in pass to Drew Pearson of Tulsa, who was ignored in the National Football League draft.

Quarterback Roger Staubach, knocked dizzy in the first quarter and still not himself, changed the play to a deep post. Pearson leaped between two defenders at the 50 and raced the rest of the way for the game-clinching score.

Staubach said "We had run the same play in the second quarter but I told Pearson to

run a post pattern instead of a deep curl like he is supposed to...He came back and said he thought he was open.

"So, in the fourth quarter I checked free safety Steve Preece and when he hesitated for just a split second I just fired the ball in there as hard as I could throw it."

Landry toyed with taking Staubach out of the game after a first quarter scramble which left the former Heisman Trophy winner's ears ringing.

"I thought about taking him out but he has the ability to

come up with the key play...he's a competitor," Landry said. "I called a turn-in and Roger changed it to a post route, but that certain feel for a situation makes him a great quarterback."

Staubach said of the injury: "I played with a hazy feeling...a dreamy feeling for awhile."

Pearson said "that's something I've always wanted to do—to catch a touchdown pass when it really meant something."

Preece and Eddie McMillan, the victims of Pearson's catch, were amazed it happened.

"Eddie had him on the outside and I had him on the inside...I really don't know how he came out with the ball," Preece said.

McMillan said "I felt I had a shot at the ball...I probably could have knocked it away, but in a game like today's you've got to go for the ball. I just missed it and he got it. It's one of the best catches I've seen all year...a great catch."

Los Angeles, playing under freshman Coach Chuck Knox, made a gallant comeback after being down 17-0 early in the second quarter.

Cowboy middle linebacker Lee Roy Jordan intercepted a John Hadl pass on the first play from scrimmage. Three plays later Calvin Hill, who later suffered a dislocated left elbow, drove three yards for the touchdown.

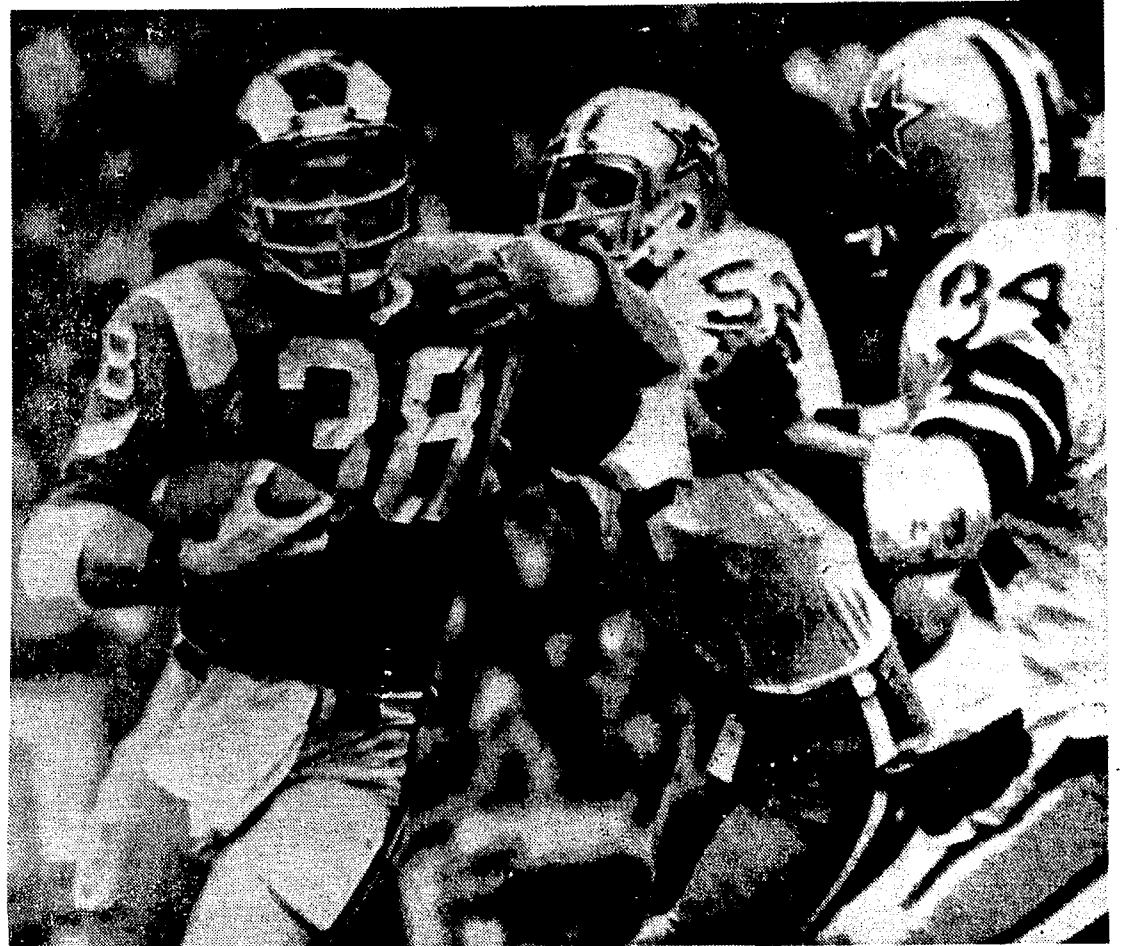
Dallas kicked off and Larry McCutcheon fumbled after a jarring tackle and Staubach took the Cowboys 35 yards, climaxed by a four-yard, third down touchdown pass to Pearson. It was on this series that Staubach was knocked dizzy.

"Roger said he was okay, but he really wasn't," said Landry. "His mind just wasn't clear. He was not picking up his keys and was just going back there and scrambling and not picking up his receivers."

David Ray, who missed three field goals, kicked fielders of 33, 37, and 40 yards to bring the Rams within 17-9. Fred Dryer outfought Hill for a fumble on the Dallas 17 and Tony Baker's five-yard run made it 17-16. Hill was hurt on the play.

"I'll be honest, I thought at that time we would win the game," said Knox. Of Pearson's catch, he said, "We had two people there, good coverage, but it was just a perfectly thrown ball. Pearson knew what to do with it after he caught it."

What Pearson did was to dance the last 10 yards to the end zone where he was mobbed by the Cowboy bench, including the injured Hill, who had his arm in a sling.



CORRALLED BY COWBOYS: Los Angeles Rams running back Larry Smith (38) is corralled by Dallas Cowboys defenders Dave Edwards (52) and Cornell Green (34) after five-yard gain in Sunday's

NFL playoff game. Cowboys won 27-16 and will face Minnesota Vikings in National Football Conference championship game next Sunday. (AP Wirephoto)

Vikings, Raiders Survive

From Associated Press
The National Football League Super Bowl countdown is at four and holding.

Minnesota and Dallas are still alive in the National Conference and Oakland and Miami are the American Conference survivors after the opening weekend of playoff games dominated by home teams.

Minnesota had the closest call, outlasting Washington 27-20 on a pair of fourth quarter touchdown passes from Fran Tarkenton to John Gilliam. Dallas will host the Vikings for the NFC title next Sunday after eliminating Los Angeles 27-16 with Roger Staubach hitting Drew Pearson on two scoring pitches.

George Blanda's four field goals helped Oakland romp to a 33-14 victory over Pittsburgh. That put the Raiders in the AFC championship game against defending Super Bowl champion Miami next Sunday. The Dolphins advanced by whacking Cincinnati 34-16.

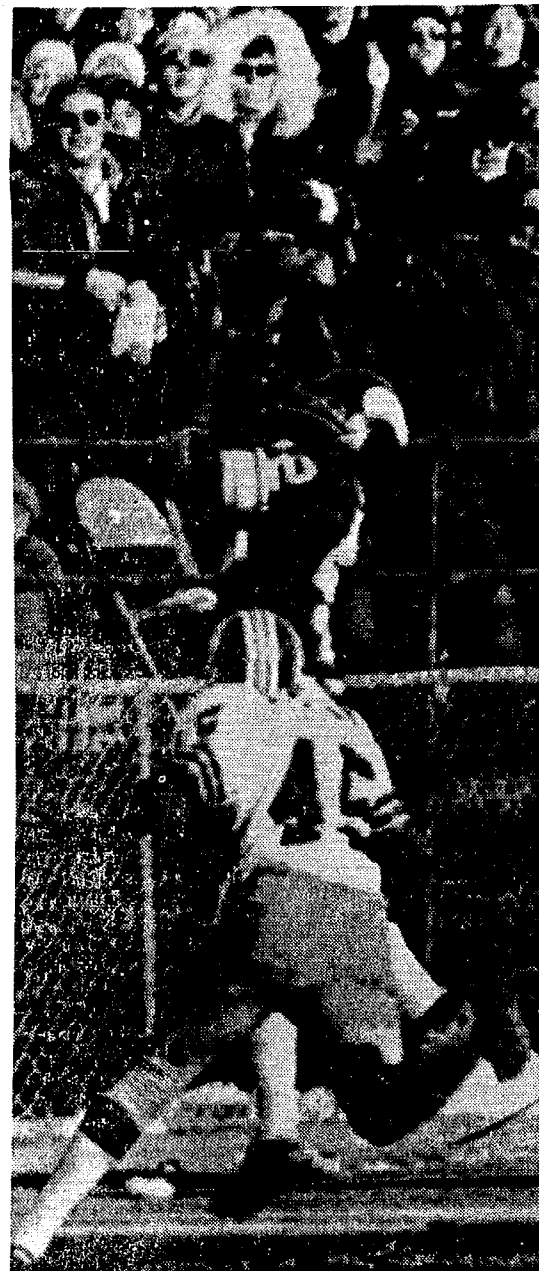
Vikings 27, Redskins 20
Minnesota managed only nine rushing yards in the first half and went into the dressing room trailing 7-3. That was when defensive end Carl Eller decided to shake things up. He made a little speech to his teammates, telling them to get out there and play football.

That bit of inspiration helped the Vikings turn the game around in the fourth quarter when Tarkenton, who's never been in the playoffs before in 13 pro seasons, tossed scoring passes of 28 and six yards to Gilliam.

Raiders 33, Steelers 14
Blanda kicked field goals from 25, 31, 22 and 10 yards, putting points on the scoreboard everytime the Raiders got him in range and insuring that there would be no opportunity for the kind of last-second heroics the Steelers used to eliminate Oakland from the playoffs a year ago.

NFL Playoffs

SEMI-FINALS
NATIONAL CONFERENCE
Saturday's Game
Minnesota 27, Washington 20
Sunday's Game
Dallas 27, Los Angeles 16
AMERICAN CONFERENCE
Saturday's Game
Oakland 33, Pittsburgh 14
Sunday's Game
Miami 34, Cincinnati 16
CHAMPIONSHIPS
Sunday, Dec. 30
NATIONAL CONFERENCE
Minnesota at Dallas, 1 p.m.
AMERICAN CONFERENCE
Oakland at Miami, 4 p.m.



KEY TD: John Gilliam (42) of the Minnesota Vikings beats Washington Redskins defender Leslie Duncan to pull in go-ahead touchdown pass from Fran Tarkenton during Vikings' 27-20 playoff victory. (AP Wirephoto)

Mike Van Linder Misses 300...But Hits 748

Mike Van Linder just missed making more bowling history at Blossom Lanes Sunday night.

Van Linder, bowling in the Starlighters Mixed Doubles league, rolled 11 strikes in a row before being stopped by a shaky No. 4 pin on his final ball and had to settle for a 299 game.

Only last Friday night Willie Por bowled the first 300 game ever at Blossom Lanes.

But Van Linder can take some consolation for his near miss with a nifty 748 series, tops so far this season in southwestern Michigan. The St. Joseph resident carved games of 248,

203 and 299. "I'm really not that disappointed over the 299," related Van Linder, who carries 180 averages in three leagues. "I knew when I threw that final ball I had missed it. I knew it was going to be high. The No. 4 pin shook a little but just didn't go."

Van Linder, who had only one open frame in his series — the 6-7-10 split in second frame of his opening game, was especially happy over his first 700 series.

"I was more happy over the 748 than my big game. I've had

a few series before in the 660's and 670's.

"When I started to bowl I thought that I might have a good night. But I never figured I would get so big a series."

Czech Team Wins

Triangles Trade

JAKARTA (AP) — Czechoslovakia's Dukla Praha soccer team defeated OFK Beograd of Yugoslavia 2-0 Sunday night in an exhibition match.

Van Linder, 27, who has been bowling for eight years, also moved into third spot in the men's high games listings with his 299 game.

Van Linder's wife, Chris, also got into the act Sunday night while bowling on the same team with her husband. She flung a triplicate series with three games of 119.

Mary Fredricks also made some big news Sunday at Blossom Lanes with a 265 game and 621 series. The 265 game is tops for women bowlers in the area.

Mrs. Fredricks, rolling in the Nightlighters Mixed Doubles

League, carved games of 265, 199 and 157 for her first 600 series.

"I was just real thrilled with both my series and big game," said Mrs. Fredricks, who supports a 160 average in the Nightlighters league. "Last year I just missed a 600 with a 599 series."

Mrs. Fredricks, who lives in Benton Harbor, got an idea it might just be her night by opening with eight strikes in a row.

The 621 tied her for fifth spot in the women's high series standings.



MIKE VAN LINDER
Season's Top Series

"If they shut off the run, you loosen them up with the pass," said Griese of two third down passes for first downs in the drive.

Warfield caught a 24-yard pass on third down in the drive and nabbed a pass for a 48-yard gain which set up Miami's third score. He said Cincinnati mixed zone and man-to-man pass defenses trying to confuse Miami, but added, "I've played the game long enough that I can recognize the coverages from the line of scrimmage."

Fullback Larry Csonka scored from the one yard line to complete an 80-yard march for the second score. Mercury Morris gained four of his 106 yards in the game on a left end sweep for the third tally.

Cincinnati got a 24-yard first period field goal from Horst Muhlmann and cut the lead to 21-10 when Neal Craig stole a pass and ran 45 yards to paydirt. Muhlmann added a 46 yard boot and then a 12-yarder after Morris fumbled a kickoff to cut the lead to 21-16.

"We went out at the start of the second half with the idea the score was 0-0," said Shula. "Before we went out, I told

them not to play it as if we were trying to protect any lead."

Safety Dick Anderson's theft of a pass from Bengal quarterback Ken Anderson on the third play of the second half gave Miami possession at Cincinnati's 28. Mandich scored seven plays later.

Garopremian's field goals of 50 and 46 yards completed scoring.

Bob Griese 'Guesses' Right Plays

MIAMI (AP) — Quarterback Bob Griese credited good guessing against Cincinnati's varying defenses for the Miami Dolphins' 34-16 American Football Conference victory over the Bengals Sunday.

"They turned it into a guessing game," said Griese of Cincinnati's multiple defenses. "You have to have the right play against the right defense."

Paul Warfield, who caught a 13-yard touchdown pass for the game's first score and ended with four receptions for 95 yards, said he didn't have to guess about Cincinnati's defense.

"Cincinnati gives you a variety of coverages to create confusion," Warfield said. "I've played the game so long that I recognize the different type coverages at the line of scrimmage. It's just a matter of execution."

Fullback Larry Czonka, who ran for 71 yards and scored Miami's second touchdown on a one-yard plunge, added, "They were stunting on defense and we were guessing right a lot of the times. Our center and guards were doing a great job."